

Application No. 10/695,222

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 92 are pending in the above-referenced application. Claims 1 – 6, 9, 11 – 14, 24, 27, 34, 45 – 50, 53, 54, 62, 64, 68, 78, 79, and 83 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1- 92 are under consideration in the instant application.

Rejection of claims 1 – 21, 24, 27, and 45 – 92 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph:

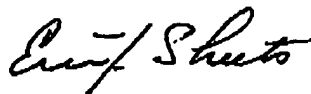
Claims 1 – 21, 24, 27, and 45 – 92 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as their invention.

According to the Office, the above-listed claims require amendment to improve their clarity. Applicants have amended the claims to further clarify the terms and provided proper antecedent basis where appropriate. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the above-listed claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby submit an Information Disclosure Statement along with Form PTO-1449 for consideration and initialling by the Office.

The applicants believe that their claims are in good and proper form. As such, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration, allowance of the claims, and passage of the case to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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